#1 &2 At the Erna Ferguson Library
#3,4,5 Some of NM's regulars

#6 Above: Chad Schneider accepting Distinguished Servicee awards to Kevin Scott Kerns and himself for organizing 12 Wired Kings CC Chess Tournaments in 2009.

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Left to Right: 2009 New Mexico State Chess Co-Champions Douglas Thigpen, Silas Perry, Chad Schneider and Lior Lapid

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From the NMCO President

First, I'd like to issue an immense thank you to all past Executive Board members for their service and dedication to the New Mexico chess community. As our new Tournament Organizer and past President Art Byers aptly stated in 2009: ... "This has been a banner year for chess in New Mexico." With this growth in activity comes new challenges in communication and scheduling. As more groups and chess clubs appear on the scene I feel that my main goal will be to assist them in coordinating with one another to insure a large variety of events and activities for all interested in chess. I invite everyone to take an active role in NMCO and look forward to another year of great chess.

Scout Veitch

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Equal	=
Black Winning	-+
Black advantage	=+
Black small edge	=/+
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Puzzle Solutions: by Art Byers

Since moving to Albuquerque, I have often played chess at the Bear Canyon Senior Center chess club. Club President, Lloyd Gustafson is a lover of Knights and has dealt me some hard blows with his skills at maneuvering the horse heads - as did my deceased friend, Robert Zing, who gave me cat fits when he craftily slid his knights around the board.

So it is no surprise that these six positions feature Knight play.

I dedicate my first (and hopefully last) attempt at the puzzle page to club President Lloyd, and in fond memory of Robert.

#1. **Yates_Alekhine** Kecsemet: 1927. Black to make move 76. **NOT** 76.....ph1(Q) answered by 77.Qg5# Correct is the simple 76…..ph1(N)#

#2. Kainiczky_Charousek: Budapest 1896 Black to make move #57. It's unusual that the a1-h8 diagonal is fully occupied. The obvious is 57….Rb1# 58.Ka3 and with a choice of three different mates in one, Charousek who liked his Knights chose 58. Nc2#

#3. Robbins_Showalter: Black to make move 20. The one time U.S.A Chess Champion wound up with 20….Qxg1 21.Rxg1 Nd1+ 22.Rxd1 pxd1(N)#

#4. Ferenczy_Charousek: ***Blindfold!!*** Miskolez 1897. Black to make move 34. announced mate in four! 34…...Rxh3+ 35. pxh3 pg2+ 36. Kh2 pxf1(N)+ 37. Kh1 Rg1#

#5. Sterk_ Marshall: Pistyan: 1912 White to make move 29. GM Frank Marshall, a long time U.S.A. chess champion, found himself on the wrong end of this attack. 29.Qxh6 pxh6 30. pxf7++ Kh7 31. pf8(N)+ Kh8 32. Rg8#

#6. Sam Loyd_Rosenthal: Paris 1867, White to make move 33. The great problem composer showed that he knew his over the board tactics. 33.Qxf3!! [***deflecting the opponent's Queen off the h3-c8 diagonal !***] Qxf3. Now white mates in three moves: 34. Nd7+ Ka8 35. Nc6+

Who Will Win the New Mexico Cup? By Jim Johnston

For the past couple of years NMCO has been adding up scores for participation and performance in events in NM. Starting with the NM Open in October, scores in all the tourneys with G/60 or slower are calculated for one year and the player with the highest score is the cup winner! A couple of days after each event NM Cup organizer Jeff Sallade adds up all the scores and puts them on the website. If you are competing this weekend, go to nmchess.org in a few days, click on NM Cup, then 2010 and you will see your current total.

The idea for this event was borrowed from Colorado. They have had a Colorado tour in operation since 1982! In 09 regular competitors in our tournaments, Dean Brown and Kathy Schneider both played 107 games in it. Sadly for them the Colorado tour does not award points for participation. Kathy was best Class E, Dean was 2nd in Class C and the overall winner was a guy who "only" played 78 games. In NM we tried a NM tour once in the early 90s, but it only happened for 1 year. Now it is established in NM. The 2009 Cup comprised 11 separate events. Early leader John Flores was later overtaken by Leroy Quintana who played in everything. For the 2010 cup there should be several more events to score cup points in. At the NM Open last October Jeff Sallade awarded cool coffee mugs with the NMCO logo and the caption NM Cup - Chess Champion, to all the following.

Congrats to: 2009 Overall winner Leroy Quintana, Over 2000 Carlos Santillan, A John Flores B Jim Johnston C Leroy Quintana D Manuel Rios E Daniel Tellez and U1000 Alfredo Vigil

So far there have been four events in the 2010 cup. You can score more points at bigger tourneys so the results of the NM memorial/ senior championship may well change things. Until then the current leaders are:

Over 2000	Points	Games	A	Points	Games	B	Points	Games
Lior Lapid	51.0	5	Chad Schneider	75.2	11	Hector Flores	75.4	13
Silas Perry	51.0	5	Douglas Thigpen	51.0	5	Jim Johnston	63.4	13
Stephen Farmer	51.0	5	Munir Hammad	46.1	7	James Lannon	53.1	5
C Jeff Sallade	52.2	10	**D** Chris Hyde	58.5	13	**E** Carl Stein	50.2	8
Manuel Rios	36.7	5	Paul Hedrick	41.7	8	Clayton Space	24.8	5
Dean Brown	32.6	5	John Helwick	40.6	5	James S Veitch	20.3	5
U1000								
Michael Saxton	26.7	5,	Helen Vaughn	18.4	5	Dillon Tidmore	16.0	4

Overall Hector Flores leads Chad Schneider by .2 of a point,

From the editor

This issue includes reports on the New Mexico Open, Santa Fe Open and the Denker tournament. You will also find answers to our quiz and memories of Don Wilson. Thanks to Silas Perry and John Flores for sending in their game notes and thanks to Joe Fromme whose article may get us all playing in style! This DK certainly looks more stylish thanks to Art Byers' glossy photos on the covers. Many thanks, as usual, to Art Byers for doing all the hard work of putting the magazine together. I hope you all enjoy it. Jim Johnston

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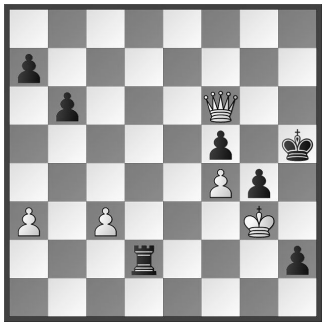
Puzzle Master Dan Pasono has had to be occupied with matters other than chess during January so I have taken over the puzzle/ page and expect Dan will be back doing what he does so well in the next issue.

All the positions below are from master games. All we ask is to find the best move in each diagram. The first two should be very easy. After that they get somewhat more difficult. Try solving first. Then find out who were the great players and how they played on page 27. Art Byers, Assistant Editor



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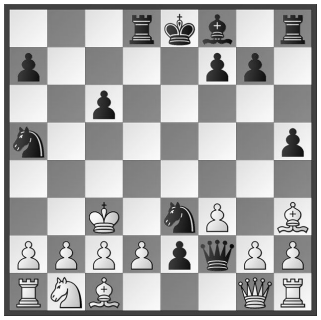

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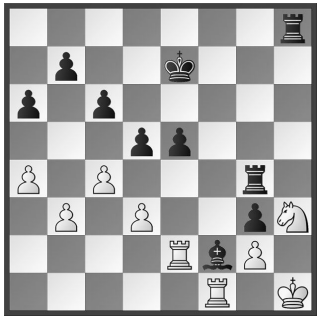

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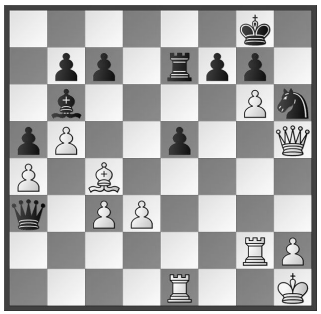

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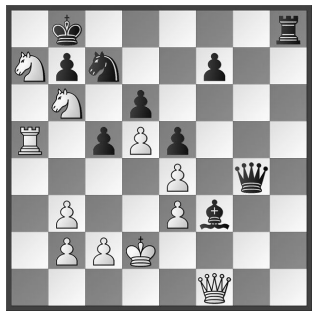


#6 White to move

7th Annual DK Quiz Answers and winners by Jim Johnston

RON KENSEK wins yet again!

Ron has now finished 1st in 5 quizzes! For the other 2 he did not enter. This year he only missed 1 answer. Nobody else came close. Where were all of you?

1) All the top players have one! Can you match the GM to their nickname:

a Adams The spider "he weaves strategic webs"

b Walter Browne Mr Six Time he won 6 US Championships

c Fedorovich Rocky some years ago he looked like Rocky Balboa

d Leko The Equalizer he joined the elite by drawing with everybody

e Jesse Kraai Der Lonweiler it means boring. All the German speakers in Santa Fe call him this. They both told me! Ron got it by a process of elimination

f Nakamura The H Bomb H for Hikaru, though after he won at San Sebastian this summer he could also go by Nakablanca (or Capamura)

g Rublevsky Dollarevsky financial joke

i Short Nosher Anagram….. Nigel Short = Nosher L. Git

j Stefanova Ety from her first name Antoaneta

All the remaining answers are /were NM players

2) Chess Life has been printing more contributions from NM players of late

a In 2009 which former NMCO president wrote an article in CL?

Zachary Kinney, president in 93, wrote about the Armed Forces Open in the February issue. This was the only question Ron missed. He guessed that it was Dr Jeff Burch writing about National Chess day, but that was a couple of years before.

b In 09 whose game was featured in the Back to Basics section?

Preston Herrington, his ICC game was featured in April 09

c In 2008 which former NMCO VP wrote an article?

Jesse Kraai, VP in 2003, portrayed the Pir Malecki in July 08

d In 08 who had 2 of his games in CL?

Boris Ratner had his correspondence games in CL in May and September

3) It's a lot of fun to go on a road trip, play some new people and, we hope, come home with huge rizes. All of these players had memorable trips out of state. How many can you name?

a In 09 who came 1st= at the Wyoming Open? Tim Martinson

b In 08 he won $3000 in Las Vegas NV Craig Lewis

c In 08 he won 15,000 pesos at the Chihuahua International Open GM Kraai

d In 08 who came 1st in the Missouri class U1800 section? Zach Stuart

e In 07 who came 1st= at the L A New Year's Day U1800 section? Holly McRoberts

f In 06 he came 3rd= in the U1800 section at Foxwoods Daniel Spohn

g In 06 he came 3rd= in the U1400 section at the World Open Kyle Leeds Tilley

h In 03 he finished 2nd=in the U2000 section at the Paul Morphy Open at Biloxi Mississippi : Steven Young

i In 02 he finished 3rd= at the Denker tournament of high school champions Silas Perry

j In 01 he became national champion at his grade level when he came 1st at the National Scholastics in Dallas: Eddy Lu was national 2nd grade champion

k In 98 who played rated chess against both Judit AND Sophia Polgar at the same event?

Chad Schneider lost to Judit but drew with Sophia at the US Open in Hawaii

l In 94 who was 1st in the U2000 section at the Rocky Mtn Rendezvous at Grand Junction CO? Art Glassman

m In 93 who was 1st in the U2000 section at the American Open in Santa Monica CA?

Brad Peterson.

Well I thought that was a lot of fun. Ron wins a free entry to any one of our 2010 NMCO tourneys. I am hoping that someone else might compose a quiz for next year's 8th annual DK quiz!

Women Are Better Chess Players
by Joe Fromme

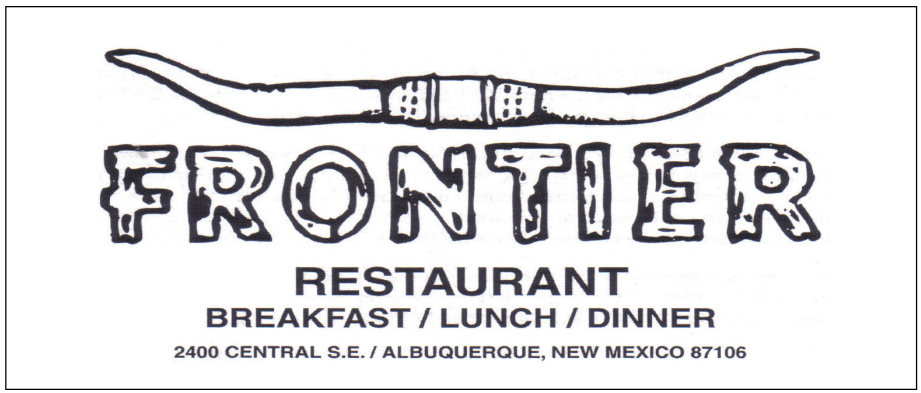
Men chess players nervously enter the tournament hall fidgeting, snorting, defensive, generally behaving as a parole violator in a courthouse. Only breaking news of impending thermo-nuclear attack could deter their beeline to the all important first round pairings list. A quick viewing, a deep sigh, a sad look, and maybe some tears. He laments inwardly being paired against Brian Wall, who is only the greatest Colorado Chess Player of all time. Starting his big tournament with a big round zero in the cross tables was not the glorious start envisioned. No maybe about it, now there are tears.

Women chess players gracefully glide into tournament halls with serenity, dignity, and a beautiful golden silence. She ponders the gift of a weekend off from work playing chess, and worries not about results…after all it is only a game. Patiently absorbing the atmosphere she initiates social pleasantries, eventually reading the pairing, proceeding calmly to destiny.

It is a scientific fact that about ninety percent of men chess players have almost zero fashion sense, while the other ten percent have at least aspired to become fashion competent. We know who they are, they know they are…."not that there is anything wrong with that." For example, drab olive green shirt, orange shorts with black socks is fashion terrorism. Greasy t-shirts, worn pants and disheveled hair are acceptable only for teenagers. To be sure, leather jackets with sweat pants are appropriate only at inner city red light districts and Sci-fi conventions.

Women chess players naturally understand the concept of colors interacting harmoniously. So be it. More important however is the ancient concept of Pride in Appearance. Simply put, they never arrive at the tournament hall looking like they just rolled out of a Goodwill Dumpster or a van filled with newspapers and cheeseburger wrappers.

Women exude subtle fragrances of blooming flowers in alpine meadows while men on a good day smell like beef jerky. Regarding chess literature, the greatest chess book of all time is entitled "Chess Bitch", and no, it was not written by Gary Kasparov. As is well known, men chess players are gamesters who only really care about one thing. Humbly, I too am such a gamester, waking up in the morning, that constant desire does task me so…tacos and beer for breakfast!



Don Wilson –reprinted from the nmchess.org Forum

I am saddened to hear of Don Wilson's passing. He will be missed. Don began to get into chess organization before he came to NM. He started a chess club in Casper, Wyoming, which "still survives" as he liked to say. (I don't know how to check up on its status today) In NM, he became involved with the NMAA State HS team tournament, which by his own account he didn't create, but which made clear the need to create something like the Albuquerque Schools League (at first a HS League). As mentioned by Dean, he directed [and more] both events for considerably more than two decades and is probably best remembered for that from the chess community. However, he was also a major organizer / director for NM adult tournaments. Due to Don's considerable experience, Col. Ed Edmondson (at the time USCF president) asked Don to organize and direct the 1964 "US Air Force Worldwide Championship" at Albuquerque's Kirtland AFB. This tourney determined the Air Force representatives to the Armed Forces Championship later in DC. Don did organize the event, but had Edmondson himself come and direct due to the event's considerable prestige.

Don was also a player, dutifully representing Albuquerque in 9 annual matches with Los Alamos from 1960-1968, working his way up from board 8 to board 3. (Aside: in 1960 the Los Alamos board 2 was the world-famous mathematician Stan Ulam who helped coin the phrase "Monte Carlo" for a mathematical technique which is so commonplace now that computer chess engines such as Rybka are offering it as an analysis option.) Don also represented NM in three matches with Colorado in the 60's and occasionally received recognition for a Class prize in other events as indicated in scattered, old Chess Life articles.

Don let his involvement with the 800-player 1988 National K-12 Championships, held at the Albuquerque Marriott, be essentially his last in chess organizing / directing (hard to go out with a bigger bang!). As Dean pointed out, there were many other facets to Don's life, and he was beginning to slow down (just a little). Oren Stevens continued to encourage Don to play rated chess which resulted in Don's participation in a 3-round Swiss in 2001. In one round he was paired against Andy Nowak who has not only picked up the baton for directing most of the NMAA championships, but also created in the mid-70's scholastic leagues in Northern NM inspired by Don's success in Albuquerque.

In 2006 I was able to coax Don in making an appearance at the 45th anniversary of the Albuquerque League. He was quite reluctant due to chronic back pain he had from a bicycle accident some years earlier (bicycling had been his favorite transportation to/from work. What is it with chess players and bicycles?). He was presented with a large sheet of parchment paper which was signed (in multi-color) by many of the players, coaches and parents. Don wore his hand-crafted bolo tie with a chess King (an award from years ago for decades of dedication and endurance in promoting youth chess. Brad Earlewine was present and wore his bolo tie with a hand-crafted Knight. Andy Nowak has a third -- reported to be a hand-crafted Queen). Don spoke briefly about respect for the game, the people and the rules. He stayed and played a casual game with Oren Stevens so some of the HS players could note that the "old guy" could still play.

Ron Kensek

The 2009 Denker Tournament of High School Champions

By John Flores

I was excited to be able to attend the Denker Tournament of High School Champions for the second year in a row. This year it was held in Indianapolis, IN. Given the distance I had to travel, I really appreciated the support I received from the chess community in New Mexico. I would like to give special thanks to Martin Cooper, Andy Nowak, and the Scholastic and New Mexico Chess Organizations.

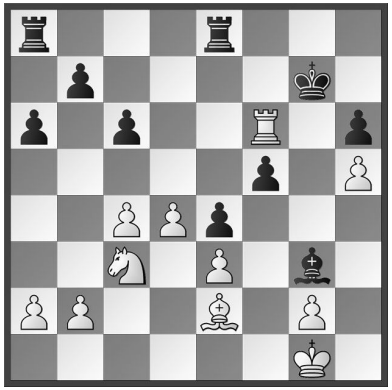
Since this was my second time playing in this tournament, I had a better idea of what to expect and I actually experienced a small feeling of familiarity when I walked into the playing hall. After seeing my placement on the players list, I could tell that I would probably get a pretty tough opponent in the first round, and sure enough I ended up playing a master from California. The interesting part about that game was that while it was a pretty short game, as he essentially won on the 20th move, we both used up all of our original 90 minutes on those moves and had to rely on the 30 second increments to stay in the game.

The second round I beat a 1500 that I had actually played last year, so that bumped me up to play a 2100 in the third round. After a slow struggle in the middle game, I had a chance to get a pretty large advantage on the 30th move but unfortunately missed it in time pressure and ended up drawing. I then drew my fourth game against a 2100 and my fifth game against an expert to get 3 consecutive draws, and finally lost my last game to another expert.

This tournament was a great chance for me to compete with some top level players in my age group, and I picked up some useful information while talking to them between games. I was happy with the way I played and enjoyed the entire trip, and the experience I gained from it will be invaluable.

John Flores - Kerry Xing [A85]
2009 Denker Indianapolis,

John did well against experts at the Denker. Here Black escapes the strongest continuation due to time pressure - see the diagram. **1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 e5 9.Be2 e4 10.Nd2 Kh8 11.f3 exf3 12.Bxf3 h6 13.Bh4 Re8 14.Bf2 Nf8 15.0-0 Ne6 16.Qc2 Ng5 17.Rae1 c6 18.Be2 Bd7 19.h4 Nge4 20.Ndxe4 fxe4** [>= Nxe4] **21.Bg3 Qe7 22.Qb3 a6?** [22...Be6 keeps it even] **23.Qb4 Bf8 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.Qxd6 Bxd6 26.Rxf6 Bg3 27.Ref1 Bf5 28.h5 Kg7 29.R1xf5 gxf5 Diagram**



30.Rxf5? [30. Rg6+ Kf7 31.Rxg3+-] **30...Re7 31.Bd1 Rae8 32.Bc2 Be1 33.Ne2 Rf7 34.Rxf7+ Kxf7 35.Kf1 Bd2 36.Kf2 c5 1/2-1/2**

stay on the board.}**31.Rxd6 Bxd6 32.Bxd5 Bxd5** {Again, any Black faint hope to survive involved keeping both B's on the board} **33.Rxd5 Be7 34.Rxf5 h4 35.Rf7 Bg5 36.Rg7 Bf6** [36...Bc1 doesn't improve anything 37.b3+-] **37.Rxg4 hxg3 38.hxg3 b5 39.Rb4 Kc7 40.Rxb5** {This was a good place for Black to resign but he played on until White "queened" a pawn.} **1-0**

STAY CURRENT.

For chess events by the Wired Kings CC, Foothills CC, and The Santa Fe Rooks, check nmchess.org often.

Changes to *Desert Knight*

You may have noticed that some things are different about Desert Knight Magazine. When we (Jim and Art) took it over (originally with the help of John Baxter), we decided to free up space by eliminating cross tables, which are posted on the USCF web site, and the top New Mexico players because they are available on nmchess.org and easy to find on the USCF web site where the list is **updated every month**.

Next, you will note that the New Mexico club listings have been removed in this issue – again - because they are available on nmchess.org and clubs affiliated with the USCF are on the federation's website.

Last, we have discontinued the heavier so-called "cover stock" as it did not take photographs very well. Instead a high quality special photograph paper is now used that enables color pictures, at a very minimal added cost, on the front and back covers.. The Editors

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23.Ba3 0-0+/-] **23.Nb5+- 0-0 24.Nxd6 Qa6 25.Nb5+- Qa4 26.Bd5 Rd8 27.Nc7** [>=27.e4+-] **27...Rd7??** [>=27...Bd7+-] **28.Nxe6 Kh8 29.Nc5 Qb4 30.Nxd7 Qd6 31.Bxf7 Qe7 32.Nc5!** [touché!] **32...Qxf7** [32...Qxc5 33.Bxg6 Combination] **33.Rd8+ Bf8 34.Qb2+ Qg7 35.Rxf8+ 1-0**

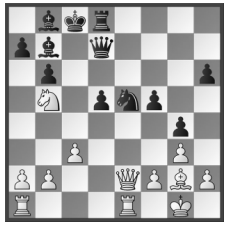
Jeff Li - Chris Hyde

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 {Black goes astray in the opening as early as move 8 and enters the middle game a piece down. That piece advantage wins the end game for White.} **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.g3 Bb4 6.Bd2 b6** [>=6...Nc6!?= deserves consideration] **7.Bg2+/- Bb7 8.Qb3 c6??** [>=8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 c6+/-] **9.Bxd5+- cxd5 10.Qxb4 d4 11.Ne4 Bxe4 12.dxe4 Nc6 13.Qb5 Rc8 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.h4** {Development with 15.Nf3 was better.} **15...0-0 16.Nf3 Rfe8 17.Qd5 Qxd5** {White, a piece ahead wants to exchange Q's to cut down on black counter-play - Why does black oblige?} **18.exd5 Ne7 19.d6** [19.Rxc8 keeps an even firmer grip 19...Nxc8 20.0-0 f6+-] **19...Rxc1+ 20.Bxc1 Nc6 21.0-0 f6 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.e3 Rxd6 24.exd4 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Rxd4** {In a lost position, Black has more chances, however slim, keeping his Rook on the board} **26.Rxd4 exd4 27.Kf1 Kf7 28.Ke2 Ke6 29.Kd3 Kd5 30.b3 Kc5 31.a3 a5 32.Bb2 b5 33.Bxd4+ Kd5 34.f3 Ke6 1-0**

Paul Hedrick - Evan Liu

Sicilian {Paul plays well, handing Evan his only loss.}**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3+/= Nc6 3.d3 e6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2+/= Bb7 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Nbd2 0-0-0** {With the clarity of hindsight, this Q-side castle does not work out well. What was wrong with developing the f8 B to d6 and the g8 N to f6 - With both castling options open and keeping White guessing?} **8.c3 d5+/= 9.Re1 Bd6 10.d4 f6?** [>=10...cxd4!? 11.Nxd4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Be5+/=] **11.exd5 exd5 12.dxc5 Bxc5** {Fritz likes 12....bxc5!? better - but in either case the black Q-side castle position begins to look porous.} **13.Nb3+- Bd6 14.Nfd4 Nge7 15.Ne6 Qd7 16.Nxd8** Diagram

{Black goes the exchange down and has the inferior pawn structure.}**16...Rxd8 17.Be3 Ne5 18.Qh5 h6 19.Bh3 f5 20.Nd4 g6 21.Qe2 g5** [21...N7c6 22.Nb5+- *(22.Bxh6?!* is much weaker *22...Rh8=)*] **22.Nb5 g4?** {Forces the W B back to a better diagonal} **23.Bg2** (Fritz prefers 23.Nxd6+!? giving White the two Bishops} **23...Bb8 24.Bf4** (There was nothing wrong with the pawn snatch 24.Bxh6} **24...N7g6 25.Bxe5 Nxe5?** {25....Re8 with threats to the W Q, such as a Knight check, looks better} Diagram



26.Nxa7+! [Deflection: a7] **26...Bxa7 27.Qxe5 h5 28.Rad1 Bb8 29.Qe6 Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Rd6** {Tantamount to giving up. If Black wants counter play, that Rook should

The Santa Fe Open

It has been a while since last September, but our report was held over from the last DK. 65 players showed up for the tournament and it was directed by Damian Nash of Utah, who as readers may recall, is now focusing on organizing rather than playing chess. All enjoyed his readings of chess trivia at the start of each round. In the Open section Timothy Martinson won with 3.5 points and Eddy Lu and Larry Dunlap shared 2nd on 3. Sam Dooley won the U1700 with 4 wins, while Caleb Jaquish, Joe Fitzpatrick and Raul McElroy all scored 3. The following 6 games show all the prize winners in action. Art Byers reports on the remaining sections on page 10, after these games. **Jim Johnston**

Timothy Martinson - David Meliti *[Alekhine]*

There were a lot of upsets. Perhaps it was the altitude. Here W upsets the top seed by throwing everything down the c-file **1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Bf5 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nc6 9.Nf3 e6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nc3 Qd7 12.a3 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Be3 0-0-0 15.b4 e5 16.d5 Qg4 17.Qe2 Nb8** [>=17...Qxc4 would equalize here. One move later it loses 18.dxc6 Qxc3 19.cxb7+ Kxb7=] **18.Nb5 Qxc4?** Diagram

19.Rac1 Qxc1 if the Q moves away W has Rc7# **20.Rxc1 Nxd5 21.Qc4 Nc6 22.Nxa7+ Nxa7 23.Bxa7 Rd6 24.Bc5 Nb6? 25.Bxb6 Rc6 26.Qg4+ Kd8 27.Rxc6 bxc6 28.Bc5 Re8 29.Bxe7+ Rxe7 30.Qc4 Kd7 31.Nh4 e4 32.Nf5 Re6 33.Qd4+ Kc8 34.Ng7 Re5 35.Kf2 e3+ 36.Ke2 Rg5 37.Qxf6 Rxg2+ 38.Kxe3 Rxh2 39.Qxc6 Rh3+ 40.Kf4 Rxa3 41.Ne6 Ra7 42.Nc5**

1-0

(2) Karl Irons - Larry Dunlap *[2 Knights Defense]*

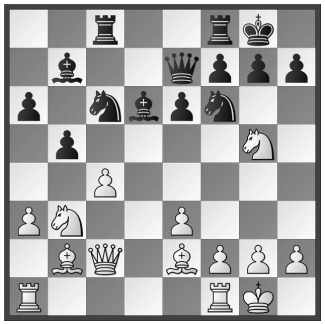
Dunlap beat Langlois in round 1 and here scores a further upset. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6?** Nakamura had recently won his key game in the US Championship with 4Ng5 but B should not waste a whole tempo to prevent it **4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.Nbd2 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.b4 Bb6 9.a4 a5 10.b5 Ne7 11.d4?** it looks wrong to open the center when his K is still there. I would prefer 0-0 **11...exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.e5 Ne4 14.Bd3 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Bf5 16.0-0 Qd7 17.Ba3 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Ng6 19.Rad1 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Nf4 21.Qd2** Diagram

21...Nxh3+? 22.gxh3 Qxh3 23.Qf4? [>=23.Re3 keeps W ahead, when B has no time to bring in reinforcements] **23...Re6 24.Re3 Rg6+ 25.Ng5-/+ Qh5 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Rf3 Rxg5+ 28.Kf1 Qg4 29.Qxd5 Rb8 30.Rdd3 c6 31.bxc6 bxc6 32.Qxc6 Bxd4 33.Rg3 Qf4 34.Rdf3?** [34.Qf3 is the last chance to

survive] **34...Rb1+ 35.Ke2 Qxe5+36.Re3 Bxe3 37.Rxe3 Qf5 38.Qc7? Rg2 39.Rf3 Qg6 40.Qc8+ Kh7 41.Qc4 Rgg1 42.Rf4 Ra1 43.Bb2 Rae1+ 44.Kd2 Rd1+ 45.Ke3 Rge1+ 46.Kf3 Rd3+ 0-1**

(3) Eddy Lu - JimJohnston *[Sokolsky]*

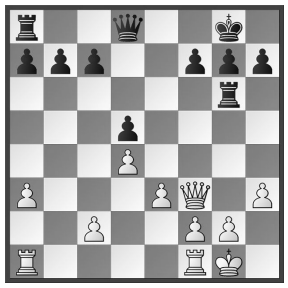
Eddy came 2nd =but does not turn in his score sheets. Here is the only game of his I have. Yet another Orang Utan! **1.b4 e6 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.a3 d5 4.e3 c5 5.bxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d3 0-0 8.Be2 a6 9.Nbd2 b5 10.0-0 Bb7 11.c4= dxc4 12.dxc4 Qe7?** B hopes to win the a pawn in exchange for his b pawn, but W can save the former and win the latter. bc looks sensible though b4 may be better **13.Nb3 Bd6 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Ng5** Diagram



15...Be5? [definitely not 15...h6?? 16.Bxf6 ; 15...Ne5 was the move when 16.f4 Ng6 leaves B's K well defended] **16.Nd4 Na5? 17.f4 Bxd4 18.Bxd4 g6 19.Qc3** winning a piece **19...Nxc4** [>=19...e5 20.fxe5 Nd7] **20.Bxf6 Qc5 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.Ra2 h6 24.Nf3 Rfc8 25.Rd1 Bd5 26.Rad2 a5 27.Ne5 Ra4 28.Rd3 b4?? 29.e4 1-0**

Larry Dunlap - Tim Martinson)*[Sokolsky]*

These 2 kept on winning and met in the final round **1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4** B gets a tempo on the B to compensate for the loss of his center pawn **3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb2 d5 6.e3 Bf5 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Bd6 9.a3 Re8 10.d3 Ne5 11.Nbd2 Nfg4 12.h3 Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Rxe5 16.d4 Re6 17.Bg4 Bxg4 18.Qxg4 Rg6 19.Qf3** Diagram



19...Qg5= [>=19...c6 looks safer as W threatens c4 with play on the long diagonal. But Tim prefers to attack] **20.a4? Rd8 21.Rac1 Rdd6 22.Kh2 h6 23.c4 c6 24.c5 Rdf6 25.Qg3 Qh5 26.Qb8+ Kh7 27.Rc2 Qf5** [>=27...Rxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Qg6+ 29.Qg3 Qxc2-+] **28.Rd2+/= Qe4 29.Rg1 Rf5 30.Qxb7 Rfg5 31.g3 Rh5 32.Qd7?** [32.Qb1 and W can cover everything] **32...f5! 33.Qc7 Qg4 34.h4 Rxh4+ 35.Kg2 Qe4+ 36.Kf1 Rh2 37.Qb8?** [37.Ke2 was necessary] **37...f4 38.Re2 fxg3 39.fxg3 Qf3+ 0-1**

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Bailey Corry-Larry James

Sicilian {White must have had a rabbit's foot and a four leaf clover. Bailey leads a charmed life even though by move 14, Black gains what Fritz calls a winning advantage. Then Black misses the win of the exchange in the complications at move 20, misses a mate in two at move 29, mate in one at move 30 and then hands the game to White on a silver platter at move 33.} **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3+/= Nc6 3.d4 cxd4= 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd3 Nf6 9.f4 0-0 10.0-0-0** [Black has a cramped position] **10...a6 11.Bc4 b5 12.Nxc6** [12.Bb3!?=/+ is an interesting idea] **12...Bxc6-/+ 13.Bb3 b4 14.Na4** [>=14.Qc4!? bxc3 15.Qxc6-/+] **14...Bxe4-+ 15.Qe2 Rb8** [15...Qc7 16.Rhf1-+] **16.Bd4 d5 17.Bf2** [17.Qxa6!? Bd6 18.Rhf1-+] **17...a5 18.Nc5** [18.Bd4 Qc7 19.Rhf1 h6-+] **18...Bf5 19.Ba4 Qc8 20.g4 Bg6** [>=20...Bxg4 and Black has triumphed 21.Qe3 Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Ng4-+] **21.g5 Bxc5** [21...Nh5 keeps an even firmer grip 22.Qe3 Nxf4 23.Qxf4 Bxc5 24.Rd2-+] **22.Bxc5 Ne4** [>=22...Qxc5!? 23.gxf6 gxf6-+] **23.Bxf8-/+ Kxf8 24.Kb1 Nc5** [>=24...Qb7 25.Qe3 Rc8-+] **25.b3??** [>=25.Bb5=/+ this is the best bet to save the position] **25...Nxa4-+ 26.bxa4 b3 27.axb3 Rxb3+ 28.Ka2 Rb4 29.Ka3** Diagram

29...Qc6? {Chess Cliche #7962 : "Always Check it might be mate" - In this case it actually is mate in 2 moves} [29...Qc3+ 30.Ka2 Qb2#] **30.Rd3 d4??** {OUCH!!} [30...Qxa4#]**31.Rb3 Rxa4+ 32.Kb2 Rc4 33.Rc1 Bxc2??** [>=33...Be4-+] **34.Rxc2+- Rxc2+ 35.Qxc2 Qd7 36.Qc5+ Qe7 1-0**

Evan Liu - Bailey Corry

King's Indian: {After equality at move 15, White simply plays better than Black. Evan shows why he finished in the money. There are some nice tactics in the notes and in the actual game starting at move 17.} **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Bf5 6.g3 Nbd7** [6...Ne4 7.Bg2=] **7.Bg2 c5 8.e3 Nb6** [8...Ne4!?-/+] **9.Qe2** [9.dxc5!? dxc5 10.Qb3=] **9...Ne4=/+ 10.Bf4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Be6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.0-0 Rb8 14.dxc5 Na4 15.Ne4** [15.cxd6!? Nxc3 16.Qd3+/=] **15...Rc8= 16.Rab1 h6??** Diagram

[>=16...b6=] **17.Rfd1** [>=17.Rxb7! Nxc5 *(17...Qxb7 18.Nxd6+* {with a double attack on the B Q*)* 18.Rxd7 Nxd7+-] **17...Rxc5? 18.Rxb7!+- Rc7** [18...Qxb7 19.Nxc5 *(19.Nxc5* Decoy*)*] **19.Rb8+ Rc8 20.Rxc8+** [>=20.Rxd6 it becomes clear that White will call all the shots 20...exd6 21.Rxc8+ Ke7 *(21...Qxc8 22.Nxd6+)* 22.Bxd6+ Qxd6 23.Nxd6 Bxc8 24.c5 Nxc3 25.Qb2+-] **20...Qxc8+/- 21.Bxd6 Nxc3** [21...f5!? 22.Qc2 Bd7+/-] **22.Nxc3 exd6** [22...Bxc3!?

{While black can now play 33....Ne7 to block the check and protect the B Bishop on c6, the B P on e5 will be lost and the open f-file beckons for the W R on g3. B will be 3 pawns and the exchange down with the W attack still developing. Black was justified in resigning.} **1-0**

Isaac Ewing - Paul Hedrick
Scandinavian Defense {This draw cost both players: Paul lost the chance to tie for second with a win and If Isaac had won, he would have tied for 3rd.} **1.e4 d5 2.exd5+/= Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bg4 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.d3 c6** [7...Ne5!?=] **8.Bd2 Qc7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe2 e6 11.Rfe1 Nb6 12.Bb3 Nbd5 13.Nxd5+/- cxd5?** [13...Nxd5 14.g4 Bg6 15.h4+/-] **14.Bg5??** Diagram

[White has let it slip away] [>=14.c4!? dxc4 15.Ba4+ Kd8 16.Rac1+- *(16.dxc4?! Bd6+-)*] 14...Be7 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 [15...gxf6!? 16.c4 dxc4=] 16.Bxd5+/= 0-0-0 17.Bb3 Bxb2= 18.Rab1 Bc3 19.Red1 Bf6 20.Qe4 Bg6 21.Qc4 [21.Qe3!? a6 22.Bc4=] 21...Qxc4=/+ 22.Bxc4 Kb8 23.Rb3 Be4 24.Nd2 Diagram

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Chris Hyde - Paul Sanchez
French: {Black misplays the opening - moving the d-pawn twice to transpose into a French and does not play the thematic c5 to pressure the W center. Black never does castle - White's second best moves give black some opportunities to equalize but Black's miscalculation at move 22 loses the exchange and White goes on to win.} **1.e4 d6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 h6 4.Nc3+/- a6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.Bf4 b6 7.e5 d5 8.a3** [Black is behind in development] **8...Ne7 9.Qd2 Bb7 10.0-0 g6 11.Nd1 Bg7 12.Ne3 g5 13.Bg3 Ng6 14.Bd3 h5 15.h3** [15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qd3 Kf7+/-] **15...Bh6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qd3 Kf7 18.c4 c6 19.Nd2 Rf8 20.f4** [>=20.Rfc1!?+/-] **20...Kg7=/+ 21.fxg5 Qxg5 22.Bf2** Diagram

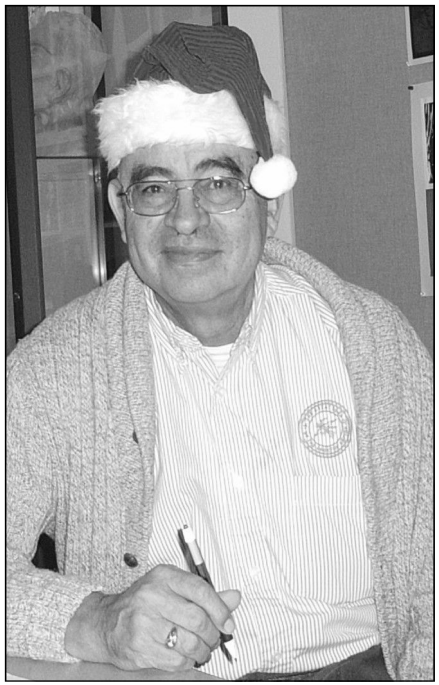
22...Rxf2?! [>=22...a5= is the best option Black has] **23.Kxf2+/- a5 24.Nf3** [>=24.Rae1+-] **24...Qxe3+?** Diagram [>=24...Rf8 25.Rae1 Ba6+/-] **25.Qxe3+- Bxe3+ 26.Kxe3 Nf8?? 27.cxd5 cxd5 28.Rac1 Ba6 29.Rc7+ Kh6 30.Rfc1** {With the two white rooks on an open file, White is in full control of the game.} **30...Nh7 31.h4** {A good move! Covers a possible escape square for the B K and severely restricts options for the B N} **31...Bc4 32.Rc6 Bb5 33.Rxe6 Bd7 34.Rxb6 Bf5 35.Kf4 Nf8 36.Ng5 Nd7 37.Rd6 Rf8 38.Re1 Be6+ 39.Kg3 Bg4 40.e6 Nf6 41.e7 1-0**

5) Joe Fitzpatrick - Raul McElroy
Santa Fe Open U1700 (1)*[Spanish]*
These 2 finished up in joint 2nd place. In this game, after a lot of tactics,W goes ahead by 2 pieces **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Bc5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Bd5** [>=7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.d4 looks great for W] **7...0-0 8 . N x e 5** D i a g r a m

8 . . . N x e 5 ? [8...Nxd5=/+] **9.Bxa8 c6 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 Nfg4 12.Bf4 Qf6 13.Qd2 Nc4 14.Qc1 Nxb2 15.Bd2 Na4 16.Na3 Qe5 17.Bf4 Qxe4 18.h3 Nc3 19.Re1 Ne2+ 20.Rxe2 Qxe2 21.hxg4 Qxg4 22.Qe3 a5 23.Bd6 Rd8 24.Qe7 1-0**

(6) Sam Dooley - Caleb Jaquish
[King's Indian Attack]
Sam won all 4 games, but here Caleb makes him work. At the diagram Fritz gives black a 3 pawn advantage **1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d3 d6 4.Nbd2 Nf6 5.Bg2 e5 6.e4 Be7 7.a4 Bg4 8.h3 Be6 9.0-0 h6 10.Nc4 Qd7 11.Kh2 g5 12.Ne3 g4 13.Nh4?** [>=13.hxg4 Nxg4+ 14.Kg1 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 h5-/+] **13...gxh3 14.Bh1 Ng4+ 15.Nxg4 Bxg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 0-0-0 18.a5 h5 19.Bg5 Bxg5 20.Nxg5 Rdg8 21.Nf3 Ne7 22.Nh4 Ng6 23.Nf5 h4 24.Rg1 hxg3+ 25.fxg3 Ne7 26.Qf3 Nxf5 27.exf5** Diagram

B has an extra pawn and a safer K. He should play a6 to hold up W's pawns and then attack on the K-side starting with Rg5 **27...Qb5? 28.b3 Qb4 29.Qe2 Rg5 30.Ra4 Qb5 31.g4 Qe8 32.Qe4 Rh4 33.a6 Qc6 34.axb7+ Qxb7 35.Qxb7+ Kxb7= 36.Kg3 Rh7 37.Rh1 f6 38.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 39.Kxh3 Kb6 40.Kg3 a5 41.Re4 Kb5 42.Re2 d5 43.Rh2 Rg7 44.Rh8 Rf7 45.Rb8+ Kc6 46.c4 dxc4 47.dxc4 Rb7??** losing as the K cannot cover the passer on the K-side [47...Rd7 and a draw is still probable] **48.Rxb7 Kxb7 49.g5 e4 50.g6 1-0**



Rod Avery & his favorite Hat

Santa Fe Open U1400 & U1100

U1400 Don Poston's 3.5 points barely beat out the three who tied for second at 3 points: Dan Tellez. Orion Rojas Grainger and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wasilewska. This was the second tournament in a row that Lizzie has won a prize. Unfortunately, very few score sheets were turned in from this section.. Of the balance, just a couple were either legible enough or correct enough to be successfully reconstructed.

In the the U1100 section, Edward Bramlitt and Jeff Jones tied for first with perfect 4-0 scores. They Shared 1st and 2nd prize money. Out of the money but with very respectable scores, at three points, came Annabelle Romero, Ian Joseph Lucerno and Alfredo Vigil. The last player in the section to score a better than 50% result was Helen Vaugh with 2.5 points. .

In the selection of games that follows, computer variations are in the "[ ]" brackets and my comment is in the "{ }" brackets. Art Byers

Chris Hyde - Jeffrey Li
[Spanish]

The familiar theme in this game is a back rank mate as White pays the penalty for leaving three pieces undeveloped. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.c3 Be6** [7...g6!?=] **8.d4+/- d5??** [>=8...Bd7+/-] **9.exd5+- Qxd5 10.Rxe5 Qd7 11.d5?? Nxd5= 12.Ng5** [12.Re1 Bd6=] **12...0-0-0 13.Bxc6** {White releases his marvelous pin} [13.Re1!?=] **13...Qxc6-/+ 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qg4 Nf6 16.Qxe6+??** { Leaving the d1 square unprotected} [>=16.Qe2=/+] **16...Qxe6-+ 17.Rxe6 Rd1+** Diagram

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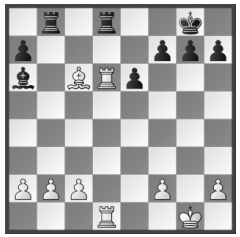
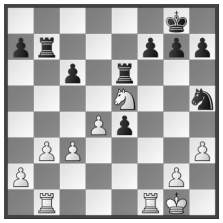
Donald Poston - Jerry Nabb
[French]

The variations in this game are worth playing through. Once a frequent tournament player, Jerry has been away from competitive chess for a few years and it shows. He misses several opportunities to equalize or gain an advantage - and a blunder at move 26 overlooks a win and hands the game to Donald. . **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bb5 0-0 8.0-0 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Qxd8 Bxd8 11.Bxc6** [11.Bxd8!? exf3 12.Bc7+/-] **11...exf3 12.Bxd8 fxg2 13.Bxg2+/- Rxd8 14.c6** [>=14.Rad1] **14...bxc6= 15.Bxc6 Rb8 16.Rad1** [16.b3 e5=] **16...Ba6=/+ 17.Rfe1 Rdc8-/+ 18.Rd6 Rd8** [{With the clarity of 20-20 hindsight, White Q-side passed pawns will win the game. Black misses the chance to gain a small advantage by taking a key W P with:} >=18...Rxb2 19.Red1 Rf8-/+] **19.Red1=** Diagram



19...Rxd6 20.Rxd6 g6 21.Ba4 Bb7 22.b4 Bd5 23.a3 Rc8 24.Rd7 Rc3 25.Rxa7 [>=25.Bb3!? Bxb3 26.cxb3=] **25...Rxa3-/+** {The White B is pinned -



now W will gang up on the center pawn **23.Rbe1 f6? 24.Nc4=** [W could get an awesome N by >=24.Nd3 Re8 25.Nc5 Rbe7+/-] **24...Rbe7 25.Ne3 g6 26.g4 Ng7 27.c4 Rf7 28.d5 cxd5 29.Nxd5 f5 30.Re3 g5? 31.Rfe1 Re5 32.gxf5 Rexf5 33.Rxe4 Nh5 34.Ne7+ Kg7 35.Nxf5+ Rxf5 36.Re7+ Kg6 37.Rxa7 Nf4 38.Re3 1-0**

NM Open U1400 By Art Byers

Twenty one players took part in the New Mexico Open U1400 section and one third of them ended up with better than even scores. John Helwick was first with 4.5 points out of five . Evan Liu took second with 4 points and Bailey Corry and Paul Hedrick tied for third at 3.5. Isaac Ewing, Chris Hyde and Jeffrey Li were just out of the money at 3 points.. A selection of games follows, including one interesting "Extra" Game..

As usual, Fritz or Shredder comments and variations are in [ ] brackets and my comments are in the { } brackets.

John Helwick - Lizzie Wasilewska

Giuoco Piano {The first place winner of the U1400 section gets better development and subsequent better placement of the W B's & R's. John makes this win look easy.}**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 h6 4.a3** {Making a vent for the B on c4} **4...Bc5 5.b4 Bd6** [5...Bb6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3=] **6.Bb2 Qe7** [6...Nf6!?+/=] **7.Nc3+/- Nf6 8.d3** {Take a look at how black has tied up her position. The d7 pawn is blocked & the c8 B will take two more moves to develop. On the other hand, The W B on c4 is outside the pawn chain & W has started to advance on the Q-side. }**8...Nd8? 9.Nb5** {W seeks the two Bishops} **9...a6 10.Nxd6+ cxd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1** [>=12.Nh4!? d5 13.Nf5+-] **12...b5+/- 13.Bb3 Nc6?** [>=13...Ne6+/-] **14.Nh4+- Ne8 15.Ng6 Qg5 16.Nxf8 Kxf8 17.Qf3 f6** {17....Nf6 was an alternative} **18.Bc1 Qg6 19.Be3** {Both white Bishops have good diagonals. the B Bishop is almost useless.}**19...Bb7 20.Qh3 Rd8 21.Bb6 Rb8 22.Qxd7 Ne7 23.Bd8 Nc6 24.Bc7 Ne7 25.Bxd6** {An O.K. move to win a pawn and pin the e7 B N - BUT - 25 Bxb8 going a whole rook ahead was much better and the option of taking the d6 pawn still open.} **25...Nxd6 26.Qxd6 Ra8 27.Re3 Bc6 28.Rg3** [>=28.Rf1 h5 29.f4 exf4 30.Rxf4+-] **28...Qh5 29.Re1** {Shredder points out a nice R Sac combination that would have locked in the win for White. However, W is already the exchange and 2 pawns ahead and still kept the win in hand with 29.Re1} [>=29.Rxg7! Kxg7 {Forced.} 30.Qxe7+ Kh8 {30...Kg6 loses the B Q to a check on f7 by the W B} 31.Qxf6+ Kh7 32.Qxc6+- Variation Diagram]

29...Qe8 30.Qc5 Qd8 31.Qe3 f5

could snaffle a pawn here >=16.Nxd5 Qxc1 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Bxg7+ Kxg7 19.Rfxc1+-] **16...Kxg7 17.Qg5 f6 18.exf6+ Rxf6 19.f4 h6 20.Qh4 Nb6 21.Rf3 Bd7 22.Rg3 Raf8 23.Rf1 Be8 24.Nd1 Nac4 25.Nf2** Diagram

25...Rxf4? 26.Nxf4 Rxf4 27.Qh5 [>=27.Ng4] **27...Qf7??** [27...Rf6 would prolong the game] **28.Rxg6+** and B will lose the Q **1-0**

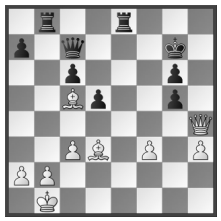
James Lannon - Alexander Mikhalin
NM Open U1800
[2 Knights Defense]

There were upsets in this section too. Here Lannon scores a quick win against the top seed. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nd4** unusual, B plans b5. This is the Fritz variation [5...Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 was Nakamura -Freidel in the US Champs 09] **6.c3 b5 7.cxd4** [>=7.Bf1]**7...bxc4 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qxc4** Diagram

9...exd4? 10.d6 1-0

George Zuo - Dean Brown
NM Open U1800 (2) ***[Accelerated Dragon]***

B wins 2 exchanges but W 's active Q and B's still give him winning chances until he misses a deadly check .**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.c3 Nf6 7.Nd2 0-0 8.f4 d5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e5 Ng4 11.Bc5 Qc7 12.Bd3** [>=12.Be2 makes more sense here] **12...Re8+/=** [>=12...f6=/+ taking over the center] **13.Qe2 Nh6 14.0-0-0 Bg4 15.Nf3 Nf5 16.h3? Ng3 17.Qf2 Nxh1 18.Rxh1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bh6 20.Qh4 Kg7 21.Kb1 Rab8= 22.f5 f6 23.fxg6?** [>=23.f4+-] **23...hxg6 24.exf6+ exf6 25.Rg1 Bg5 26.Rxg5 fxg5** Diagram

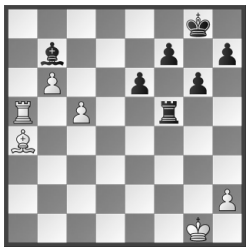


27.Qxg5?? W has to use the Q and Bs to corral the K [27.Bd4+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ Ke7 29.Qxg6+/-] **27...Re1+! 28.Kc2 Qh2+ 29.Qd2 Rxb2+ 0-1**

James Lannon - Carl Stein
NM Open U1800 (*[Center Counter]*

Stein was the lowest rated player in the section but finished 3rd=. This was his only loss. Lannon was the only player in the tournament to go 5 and 0. **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 c6 3.d4 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.c3 e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be2 Bd6 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 0-0 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Rfe8 15.Qe5 Qb8 16.Qxb8 Raxb8 17.Rab1 e5 18.Nf3 e4 19.Ne5 Re6 20.f3 Rb7** [>=20...exf3] **21.b3 Nh5 22.fxe4 dxe4** Diagram

opportunity knocks for Black} **26.f4?** [>=26.f3 Bc6! 27.Ra6 Bxa4 28.b5-/+] **26...Be4??** {But Black does not answer the door.} [>=26...Bc6! {This looks fairly obvious - Jerry's rust costs him!} 27.Ra6 Ra1+ *(27...Rxa4?! 28.Rxc6 Rxb4 29.c4-/+)* 28.Kf2 Bxa4-+ *(28...Rxa4?! 29.Rxc6 Rxb4 30.c4=/+)*] **27.Ra5 Rf3 28.c4 Rxf4 29.c5 Bd5** [29...Bf5 30.c6 Rg4+ 31.Kf1 Rxb4 32.c7=/+] **30.b5 Rf5** [30...Rg4+!? 31.Kf2 e5=] **31.b6+/- Bb7??** Diagram



[(The two passed pawns are too strong, even Fritz's following variation leaves the winning advantage with White.} 31...Rg5+ 32.Kf1 Rf5+ 33.Ke1 Re5+ 34.Kf2 Rf5+ 35.Ke3 Re5+ 36.Kd3 Bh1+ -] **32.c6+- Bxc6** [32...Rxa5 33.cxb7 Rxa4 34.b8Q+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ f6 36.Qxe6 Ra1+ 37.Kg2+-] **33.Rxf5 Bxa4 34.b7** [>=34.Rc5+-] **34...exf5 35.b8Q+ 1-0**

Orion Rojas Grainger - Chris Hyde
[Sicilian]

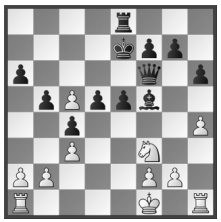
White sees through the complications better than Black and so wins material. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a5** [8...e5 9.Nf3=] **9.Bf3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 e5 11.Be3 b5** {Nothing protects the b5 pawn. Yet Fritz prefers castling on move 11 and reverses ideas and then prefers taking on move 12. Strange?!} [11...0-0+/=] **12.g4** [>=12.Nxb5!? 0-0 13.c4+-] **12...Be6** [12...b4!? 13.Na4 Be6=] **13.g5+/= Nd7 14.Bg4** Diagram

[>=14.Nxb5 Nb6 15.b3+/=] **14...Bxg5??** [>=14...b4 15.Nd5 Rc8=] **15.Bxe6+- Bxe3 16.Bxd7+** (The check that enables White to gain material} **16...Qxd7 17.fxe3 0-0 18.Qf3 f5 19.0-0-0** [>=19.exf5 Qxf5 20.Qxf5 Rxf5 21.Nxb5 Rf3+-] **19...Qc6 20.Nd5 Kh8 21.Ne7** [>=21.exf5 a4 22.e4+-] **21...Qd7 22.Nxf5 Rac8??** { A lot of plastic vanishes from the board and the white extra piece brings home the full point.} [>=22...g6 23.Rhf1 Rf6+-] **23.Rxd6 Qxd6 24.Nxd6 Rxf3 25.Nxc8 Rxe3 26.Rd1 g5 27.Nd6 Kg8 28.Rg1 h6 29.h4 Kh7 30.hxg5 Kg6 31.gxh6+ Kxh6 32.Nf5+ 1-0**

Alexander Freeman - Hy Tran
G//30 Extra Games SF Open ***[French]***

Hy Tran is NMCO's courteous, "House Player". Many a player who has drawn an unwanted bye has found Hy a challenging opponent in an "Extra" game. Here Hy holds off Alex Freeman's aggressive play and then wins the game. **1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nge7 6.Bb5 a6** {Perhaps a wasted move. IM Zeigler recommends Bd7.) **7.Bxc6+ Nxc6=/+ 8.Nbd2 b5** {There was still time to play the thematic move 8....cxd4!? 9.cxd4 Qb6 -/+} **9.Nb3= c4 10.Nc5** Diagram

{This move looks dubious as it will allow black to break the W pawn chain} **10...Bxc5 11.dxc5** {The W P on c5 looks hard to defend.} **11...0-0 12.Ng5??** {This should have immediately lost the important W pawn on e5. Why is it important? Well, it prevents Black from freeing his bad Bishop with a pawn push. 12.0-0 is the correct W move.} **12...h6** {Hy does not take that key e5 pawn at once, though he takes it next move when White does not defend it.}**13.h4??** {W misses the chance to return his N to f3 and protect the e5 pawn.} **13...Nxe5-+ 14.Bf4 Nd7?** {Moving too hastily, Black overlooks that 14....Nd3+ would win the W B on f4} **15.Qc2 Nf6 16.Be5?** {White goes adventuring when he should have simply withdrawn the hanging N to f3} **16...Re8!!** {Bravo!! Making a flight square for the B K} **17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qh7+** {"Always check, it might be mate" is the old cliche. Well it ain't mate and proves to be White's undoing.} **18...Kf8 19.Nf3 e5** {Now that Black has a one pawn advantage and excellent chances to win the hard to defend W pawn on c5, there would be nothing but good from 19....Qg6 forcing W to exchange Q's. The fewer pieces on the board, the more that 2 pawn plus would mean. ...e5 to open a diagonal for the Black B is a fine idea, but might have waited a move or two.}**20.Kf1??** {White should taken the chance to move his Q to safety - now it is too late.} **20...Bf5** { Hy performs a **"Gotcha!!"**} **21.Qh8+ Ke7 22.Qxe8+ Rxe8** Diagram

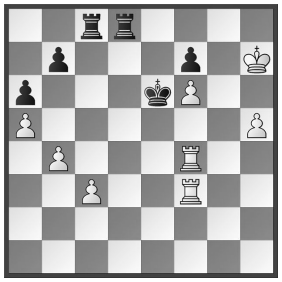


{Intending to win the B Q - which it should not. But even if successful, Black would still end up a piece ahead.} **23...Qxe5 24.Re1?? Be4??** In time pressure, Black misses the oh-so-obvious 24....Bd3+ 25.Re2 (25.Kg1 Qxe1+ 26.Kh2 Qxh1+ and W can resign) Qxe2+ and again, W can resign.} **25.f3-+ Qf4??** {25....Bd3+ with the win of the W R on e1 was still the move} **26.Kg1 Kd8 27.fxe4 dxe4?!** {Better would have been 27....Rxe4 as If W exchanges rooks, the game is as good as over.} **28.Rd1+ Kc7 29.Rd6 Qe3+ 30.Kh2 Qxc5 31.Rhd1 Qxd6+ 32.Rxd6 Kxd6 33.Kg1 e3 34.Kf1 e2+ 35.Ke1** With B below 5 minutes, the score sheet ended here but Black went on to mate. **0-1**

Alexander Freeman - Edward Bramlitt ***[Dutch]***

The section co-winner, playing the Black pieces, wins as though he used a wrecking ball on White!} **1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4??** [>=6.Bf4+/=] **6...g5-/+ 7.e3?** [>=7.d5!? Nb4 8.Bg3-+] **7...gxh4-+ 8.Nxh4 Rg8 9.Be2 Ng4 10.h3?** [10.Nf3-+] **10...Qxh4** Diagram

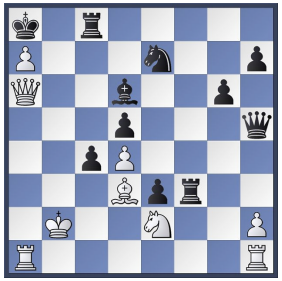
{Black is already two pieces ahead - with continuing threats to win even more material.} **11.Kd2 Nxf2 12.Bh5+ Kd8 13.Qf3 Bb4** {Material minded Fritz thinks 13....Nxh1 is better but the pin of the W N on c3 brings another part of the Black army into the fight and shows there are many ways



and W lost on time. Too bad. He has a win on the board with Re3 Rd4 Rd8 and Kg7 **0-1**

Chad Schneider - Ben Coraretti NM Open*[French, exchange]*

B gets a big plus until he allows a Queen sacrifice that forces mate **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Ne2 Qh4!** shows that Ne2 has some disadvantages -NCO gives 6Qf3= **7.Ng3 Nge7 8.Qc2 g6 9.Nd2 Bg4 10.Nf3? Bxf3 11.gxf3 0-0-0=/+ 12.Bd2 f5 13.0-0-0 f4 14.Ne2 Rdf8 15.b4 Qxf2 16.Rdf1 Qh4 17.Qa4 Kb8 18.b5 Nd8 19.Qb3 Ne6 20.Kc2 Ng7 21.a4 Ngf5 22.Rb1 Ne3+ 23.Bxe3 fxe3 24.a5 b6?** B need not fear W's b6 [24...Rxf3 25.b6 cxb6 26.axb6 a6-+] **25.Ra1 Qh5 26.Qb2 Nc8 27.axb6 cxb6 28.c4 Rxf3 29.c5 bxc5 30.b6 c4 31.bxa7+ Ka8 32.Qb5 Ne7 33.Qa6 Rc8 34.Kb2** Diagram



34...Rc6?? [34...cxd3 35.Rhc1 Qg4 and B is winning] **35.Qb7+!!** and W has mate in 3 **1-0**

Mark Schwarman - Zach Stuart NM Open (3)*[Modern Benoni]*

W breaks through in the center but is left with a weak pawn. When this falls B gets the upset win **1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 c4 10.Bc2 Re8 11.Re1 b5 12.Nc3 a6 13.a3 Nbd7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Nd4 Nc5 18.Kh1 Nfd7 19.Be3 Qc7 20.f4 Nb6 21.Bg1 Rd7 22.Nf3 Rde7** Diagram

23.e5 the thematic move but B has everything covered and W ends up with a weak d pawn **23...Ncd7 24.Ne4 Nc8 25.Bh2** [>=25.Qb4] **25...Ndb6 26.exd6?** in the Benoni you have to keep on advancing [>=26.f5 dxe5 27.d6 Nxd6 28.Nxd6 Rd8 29.Nxe5 Nc8 30.fxg6 fxg6 31.Nxc8 Rxd2 32.Nxe7+ Qxe7 33.Rxd2+-] **26...Nxd6 27.f5 Nxe4 28.Rxe4 Qd7 29.Rxe7 Qxe7 30.d6 Qd7 31.fxg6 hxg6 32.Re1** [>=32.Qf2] **32...Rxe1+ 33.Nxe1 Qxh3 34.Qf4 Qe6 35.Qf2 Nc8 36.Nf3 Bxf3 37.Qxf3 Nxd6** even better is [>=37...Qe1+ 38.Bg1 Bd4 39.Qd1 Qh4+ 40.Bh2 Be5] **38.Qa8+ Kh7 39.Bg3 Nf5 40.Bf2 Bxb2 41.Be4 Bxa3 42.Bxf5 gxf5 43.Qd8 Be7 44.Qe8 Bd6 0-1**

Rodelio Ronquillo - Tony Schroeder NM Open (5) ***[Modern]***

One more upset as Rodelio overcomes a 400 point difference **1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Be3 c5 4.c3 Nf6 5.f3 cxd4 6.cxd4 0-0 7.Bd3 d5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Ne2 Qb6 10.Qc1 Nc6 11.Nbc3 e6 12.0-0 a6 13.a3 Na5 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bh6 b5 16.Bxg7** [W

advantage is the same as after e5, but I think it will be harder for B to win] **8...Be7 9.d3 b5 10.Ne2 Qc7** a favorite square for the Q in many Sicilian variations. Here it eyes e5, useful for when B plays f6. Also B can wait and see what W does before making a more committing move **11.c3 Rb8** B's intentions of opening the game should be clear with the presence of the bishop pair. The R places itself appropriately for the upcoming pawn trades **12.0-0 0-0 13.d4 b4 14.g4?** although not a good move as it will end up opening W's K more than B's, I admit I was expecting it. An aggressive opponent does not like to sit back and defend **14...bxc3 15.bxc3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bd7** the terrible looking light -squared B suddenly shows that it has prospects **17.Ne1** Diagram

so W would like to play f5, but look at his piece placement **17...f6!** B opened the Q-side for the Bs and the active R, and now attacks the center. His safer K and 2 Bs encourage further opening of the game **18.Be3 Na5 19.Rc1 Nc4 20.Ng2 Rb2** B's position starts to show its true strength **21.exf6 Rxf6 22.g5 Rf8 23.Qd3 Rxa2** at first it seemed dangerous to spend time to take a pawn here, but W's pieces are too passive to create any real threats to B's K, yet **24.h4 Be8** no reason to get careless on the K-side ; the B stops the attack dead in its tracks **25.f5 exf5 26.Nef4** creating tactics. W can take on d5 and then c4 but unfortunately for him it works out in B's favor **26...Qd6 27.Nxd5?** although W's demise is pretty certain, this move speeds up the process **27...Rxg2+ 28.Kxg2 Qxd5+ 29.Kf2 Bb5** W could have resigned here, but I was very low on time so he played on for a few more moves **0-1**

(4) Hector Flores - Robert Keough NM Open *[Sicilian, Kan]*

B gets an advantage when he keeps the W K in the center. W fights back to equality then gets a strong passed h pawn, but runs out of time **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 e5 6.Nf5 d5 7.Ng3** [>=7.Qf3] **7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Bc5 11.f4 Bg4+-/+ 12.Ke1 Nc6 13.h3 Bd7 14.f5 0-0-0 15.c3 Ne7 16.Rf1 Bb5** [>=16...f6] **17.Rf3 Rd6 18.a4= Bc6 19.Bxc6 Nxc6 20.b4 Rhd8 21.Nd2 Ba7 22.Ke2 R6d7 23.Ne4 Ne7 24.g4** [>=24.f6] **24...Nd5 25.Bd2 Nf6 26.Be3 Bxe3?** B could penetrate with the Rs if he took the other way [>=26...Nxe4 27.Bxa7 Rd2+ 28.Ke1 R8d3 29.Re3 Rxe3+ 30.Bxe3 Rh2 31.Rc1 Rxh3 32.Ke2 Rg3-+] **27.Nxf6= Rd2+ 28.Kxe3 gxf6 29.Raf1 Kc7 30.Ke4 Ra2 31.a5 Kc6 32.Re3 Rc2 33.Rff3 Kb5 34.g5 fxg5 35.Kxe5 Rcd2** [>=35...h5] **36.Kf6+- R8d7 37.Kxg5** [>=37.Re7] **37...R2d6 38.f6! Rd8 39.Kh6 Rg8 40.Kxh7 Rg6 41.Rf5+ Kc6 42.Ref3 Kd7 43.h4 Rg4 44.h5 Ke6 45.Kh6 Rd8 46.Kh7 Rgg8 47.Kh6= Rg4 48.Kh7 Rc4? 49.R5f4 Rcc8** Diagram

to win when you are so far ahead} **14.Rhf1 Ne4+ 15.Kd3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 b6 17.d5** {Uh Oh ! unguarding the e5 square. Why no "??" for this move? Probably because Fritz thinks White is beyond help.} **17...Ne5+ 18.Ke2 Nxf3** {This was a good place for White to Resign} **19.Rxf3 Qxh5 20.dxe6 Rxg2+ 21.Ke1** {With the f3 White rook hanging and Black to move, Let's close the curtain on this slaughter!}. **0-1**

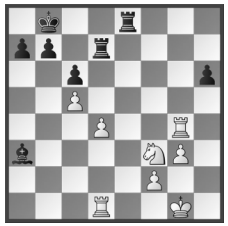
Alejandro Lopez - Helen Vaughn *[Reti]*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 d6 4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nc3 Bf5 [6...Bg7 7.Bg5=] **7.e4+/= Be6 8.b3 d5** [>=8...Bg7=] **9.Be3??** {This should lose a piece to 9....d4} [>=9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bb2+/-] **9...Ng4??** [>=9...d4 10.Bg5 dxc3-+] **10.d4??** [>=10.exd5 Bxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Qxg4+-] **10...Nxe3 11.fxe3 Bg7?** [>=11...dxe4 12.d5 exf3 13.Qxf3 Bxd5 14.Nxd5 f5=] **12.Ng5??** [>=12.exd5 Bxd5 13.e4 Bxb3 14.axb3 Nxd4 15.Na4+-] **12...Qxg5-+ 13.exd5** {White misses the loss of the e3 pawn with a check - after which the B Q looks at the unprotected W N on c3} **13...Qxe3+ 14.Kh1 Bd7** [>=14...Qxc3 15.dxe6 f5 16.dxe5 Rd8-+] **15.dxc6-/+ bxc6 16.d5??** [16.Ne4 Qxd4 17.Qxd4 exd4 18.Nc5=] **16...Qxc3-+ 17.dxc6** [17.Qe1 Qc5-+] **17...Bxc6 18.Bd5 Rd8**

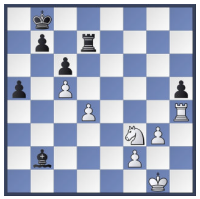
{Somewhat better is 18...0-0-0 Connecting the Black Rooks} **19.Qd3 Bxd5+ 20.Kg1 Qc5+ 21.Rf2 e4 22.Qd1 Bxa1 23.Qxa1 0-0** {Two pieces and a pawn ahead, Black went on to an easy win.} **0-1**

Jeffrey Jones - Kathy Schneider2009 Santa Fe Open *[2 knights]*

Kathy establishes a winning game against the eventual co-winner of the U1100section and then, sadly, throws it away with an oversight on move 33. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.a3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5 8.h3 Be6 9.Nc3 Qd8** {Black soon castles Q-side, so 9....Qd7 would save a tempo} **10.Qe2 f6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Rd1 0-0-0 13.0-0 Nd4**[13...Qf7!?=/+]**14.Bxd4+/= exd4 15.Nb5 Kb8** [15...Bd7 16.Nbxd4 *(16.Nxa7+? Kb8 17.Qxe7 Bxe7-+)* 16...Qxe2 17.Nxe2+/=] **16.Nbxd4** (there was something to be said for 16. Rfe1} **16...Bd5 17.Qxe7 Bxe7 18.c4 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 g5 20.Rfe1 Rd7 21.Re4 f5 22.Re5** [22.Re6!? Bd6 23.d4+-] **22...Bf6 23.Rb5** [23.Rxf5 Bxb2 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Rhd8+/-] **23...Re8** [>=23...c6 24.Rxf5 Bxb2=] **24.c5??** [>=24.d4 f4 25.Rf5+/-] **24...c6 25.Rb4 g4** [>=25...a5!? 26.Ra4 Bxb2=/+] **26.hxg4+/= fxg4 27.Rxg4 Bxb2 28.g3** [28.d4!?+/=] **28...Bxa3 29.d4** Diagram



29...a5 (Missing the pin of the d4 pawn. i.e. 29....Bxc5} **30.Re1** [>=30.Rb1=] **30...Rxe1+-/+ 31.Nxe1 Bb2 32.Nf3?** [>=32.Nc2-/+] **32...h5-+ 33.Rh4** Diagram



33...Bxd4?? {What should have been done is to start pushing the passed Black a-pawn with 33.....a4-+} **34.Nxd4+- Rd5 35.Nb3 Ka7 36.Nxa5 Rxc5 37.Nb3** [37.Nb3 Rd5 38.Rd4+-] **1-0**

Orion Rojas Grainger - Chris Hyde *[Sicilian]*

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The New Mexico Open
By Jim Johnston

On the 24th and 25th of last October,78 players came to play at the Elegante Hotel, next door to our previous haunt at the Days Inn. This venue was a tad more "elegante", and the prices reflected this.

The 32 player Open section ended in a 5 way tie for 1st place between Lior Lapid, Silas Perry, Steven Farmer, Chad Schneider and Douglas Thigpen. Farmer traveled in from Tucson, Arizona, so the other 4 became joint state champions. Both Lapid and Farmer came back from 1st round upset losses to scholastic players. Both games follow. For defending champ Lior it was the first loss he has had at slow chess in NM since the K-12 in 2000 when Digeng Du scored an upset win! Silas lost a game to Williamson, another Arizona player, while Chad and Doug had dropped a draw each and then drew with each other in the last round.

In the U1800 section James Lannon from Texas went 5 and 0 ahead of 2nd place finisher Albert Zuo on 4 points. On 3.5 there was a four-way tie for 3rd between Alexander Mikalin, Caleb Jaquish, Joe Fitzpatrick and Carl Stein. Hope you all enjoy the following selection of the best and/ or most significant games.

Eddy Lu - Lior Lapid
NM Open [English]

Eddy upsets last year's State champ when Lior gets into time trouble. **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.e3 d5 4.Qc2 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.d4 Qc7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 h6 11.a3 b6 12.Rac1 Bb7 13.h3** [>=13.Rfe1 a5 14.e4+/=] **13...Rac8 14.Rfe1 Qb8 15.Qb1 c5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Bf5 Rcd8 18.Qa1 Bf8 19.Bd3** [>=19.dxc5] **19...Ne4= 20.Nf1 a5 21.Bb5 Re6 22.Red1 Bc6 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.N1d2 Re6 25.Qb1 Rde8 26.Qd3 a4 [>=26...Ndf6=]27.dxc5 Ndxc5 28.Qxd5 Rd8 29.Qc4 Nxf2 30.Rf1 Diagram**

30...Nxh3+ 31.Kh1 [31.gxh3?? Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qxh3+ 33.Kg1 Rxd2 34.Nxd2 Rg6+ with mate in 3] **31...Qg3 32.Be5 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Rxe5 34.Nxe5 Nh3+?** [>=34...Rxd2 35.Qxf7+ Kh7 36.Rxf2 Rxf2 37.Qxf2 Qxe5-+] **35.Kh1 Rxd2?** [35...Qxe5-/+ was better now] **36.Qxf7+ Kh7 37.Qf5+ g6 38.Qxh3 Qxh3+ 39.gxh3+/- Bg7 40.Nc4 Re2 41.bxa4 Nd3 42.Rb1 Ra2 43.Rxb6** [>=43.Kg1] 43...Nf2+ 44.Rxf2 Rxf2 W has 3 passers, far from the B K and B has very little time remaining **45.a5 Rc2 46.Nd6 Rc3 47.Kg2 Rxa3 48.Nc4 Rc3 49.Rb4 Rc2+ 50.Kg3 Ra2 51.Rb6 Ra4 52.Rc6 g5 53.h4 gxh4+ 54.Kxh4 Ra1 55.a6 Kg8 56.Nd6 Ra4+ 57.Kh3 Ra3** notation stops but if W plays Kg4 B does not have time to take the e pawn. **1-0**

Jeff Serna- Steve Farmer NM Open *Sicilian]*

Jeff scores an upset with a smooth K-side attack **1.e4 c5 2.Bc4** for notes on this opening see Serna/Perry that follows. **2...e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d3 Nge7 5.Nf3 a6** [>=5...d5] **6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ng6 9.Qd2 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.h4 g4 12.h5 gxf3 13.hxg6 fxg2 14.gxf7+ Kxf7 15.Rg1 h5** [>=15...Nd4] **16.Rxg2+/= Bh6 17.Qe2 Qg5 18.f4 Qg4 19.f5 Qxe2+ 20.Nxe2 Rag8 21.fxe6+ dxe6 22.Rf2+ Ke7 23.Bh4+** [>=23.c3] **23...Bg5 24.Bxg5+ Rxg5 25.0-0-0 Na5 26.Rdf1 Nxb3+ 27.axb3 Rh7 28.Nf4 Kd6 29.Nh3 Rg3 30.Nf4 h4 31.e5+ Kxe5 32.Re1+** Diagram

32...Kf5 [the K should run away to the Q-side 32...Kd6] **33.Nd5+ Kg5 34.Re5+ Kh6 35.Nf4 Bf3 36.Rh2 Kg7 37.Rxe6 Kf8 38.Rg6 Re7?** [38...Bg4=] **39.Rxh4+/- Re1+ 40.Kd2 Re2+ 41.Nxe2 Rxg6 42.Rf4+ 1-0**

Jeff Serna - Silas Perry
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Notes by Silas Perry

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4? the old adage "Knights before Bishops" rings true in more situations than not. This move is no exception. Committing the B this early invites B to play d5, gaining a tempo. It is my opinion that B is already equal here **2...e6** other moves like d6 can let W's B turn out to be on a fine square **3.Nc3 Nc6 4.f4 Nge7 5.Nf3 d5** looks like a Grand Prix attack, but where B is a move up **6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+** B has been given a good center, the Bishop pair and easy development **7...Nxc6 8.e5** [I think W should have played 8.exd5 exd5 9.0-0 Be7 10.d4 0-0 when Fritz says B's